GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:20
ANSWERED ON:25.07.2005
EXPORT OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of countries to which foodgrains are being exported at present;

(b) the quantum and value of wheat and rice, separately exported during each of the last three years and thereafter till date, country-wise;

(c) the quantum of wheat and rice proposed to be exported during the current year alongwith their rates, country-wise;

(d) the steps being taken to further increase the export of foodgrains during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(e) whether there had been instances when the foodgrains exported from India were rejected; and

(f) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government to ensure that Indian exports are not rejected by the importers?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) & (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO.20 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 25.7.05 IN THE LOK SABHA

(a): Wheat and Rice are being exported at present to a number of countries in varying quantities. The major importing countries of Indian wheat and rice during 2004-05 are shown in Annexure I.

(b): The quantum and value of wheat and rice exported during last three years is as under:

QUANTITY IN MTs/VALUE IN RUPEES LAKHS.

YEAR	RICE BASMATI		RICE-NON BASMATI		WHEAT	
	QTY	VALUE	QTY	VALUE	QTY	VALUE
2002-03	7,10,292	2,06,259	40,76,347	3,63,408	35,70,890	1,70,018
2003-04	7,70,764	1,99,092	26,01,471	2,14,216	40,93,081	2,39,115
2004-05#	11,26,125	2,74,194	36,45,873	3,89,973	19,95,997	1,44,803

(# as per latest figures available)

The details of top ten importing countries of wheat and rice from India in terms of quantity and value are shown in Annexure II.

(c): Wheat and rice are freely permitted for exports without any quantitative restrictions. No allocation of wheat and rice from Central Pool is being made with effect from 11th Aug`03 for the purpose of exports. Export on private account is market driven and the price and destination depend on demand and supply conditions, which vary from time to time.

(d): Some of the steps being taken to boost export of foodgrains include publicity, campaign, sending delegations abroad,

participating in international trade fairs, organizing buyer-seller meets and providing financial assistance to exporters for improving quality, packaging, brand promotion of products and for conducting market surveys.

(e): During the last three years only one instance of rejection of an Indian wheat consignment, has come to the notice of the Government

(f): Government has laid down quality norms for certain agricultural products, with the objective to ensure that quality products are exported.

ANNEXURE - I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO.20 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 25.7.05 IN THE LOK SABHA

TOP TEN IMPORTING COUNTRIES OF INDIAN WHEAT/RICE

POSITION	WHEAT	RICE-NONBASMATI	RICE- BASMATI
1	BANGLADESH	BANGLADESH	SAUDI ARABIA
2	UAE	NIGERIA	KUWAIT
3	SUDAN	S.AFRICA	UK
4	MALAYSIA	COTE D' IVOIRE	UAE
5	TANZANIA	SAUDI ARABIA	YEMEN
6	YEMEN	SRI LANKA	USA
7	VIETNAM	UAE	ITALY
8	SRI LANKA	SENEGAL	FRANCE
9	OMAN	SOMALIA	BELGIUM
10	PHILIPPINES	GUINEA	GERMANY

ANNEXURE - II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO.20 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 25.7.2005 IN THE LOK SABHA

TOP TEN IMPORTING COUNTRIES OF INDIAN WHEAT/RICE

QUANTITY IN METRIC TONNES/VALUE IN RUPEES LAKHS

SN	COUNTRY	2002-03		2003-04		2004-05	
		QTY	VALUE	QTY	VALUE	QTY	VALUE
1	BANGLADESH	982839	46552	15566070	90009	1164396	84174
2	UAE	120274	5910	361227	22316	199312	14813
3	SUDAN	4	0.16	21459	1538	99021	7744
4	MALAYSIA	282725	13723	156457	8892	78277	5744
5	TANZANIA	-	-	132988	8724	72473	5300
6	YEMEN	89350	4347	347443	21714	70250	5417
7	VIETNAM	266768	12563	85454	5102	54941	3696
8	SRI LANKA	147095	7655	322278	20616	48027	3357
9	OMAN	180	14	116133	7538	41070	3153
10	PHILIPPINES	831181	37675	118830	6417	23948	1344

RICE - BASMATI

SN	COUNTRY	2002-03		2003-04		2004-05	
		QTY	VALUE	QTY	VALUE	QTY	VALUE
1	SAUDIARABIA	293350	84028	436417	106796	680278	156780
2	KUWAIT	43488	12257	48862	13768	93768	23300
3	UK	63	23	85849	21939	89224	25052
4	UAE	64027	18111	40255	10488	60017	14012
5	YEMEN	13709	3117	15451	3609	35484	8964
6	USA	30475	10363	26758	9337	24731	7819
7	ITALY	8607	1997	19143	4572	18813	4372
8	FRANCE	12958	3258	12028	3158	15683	3660
9	BELGIUM	10712	2744	11574	3096	14075	3284
10	GERMANY	7657	2005	9160	2534	13171	3310

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ANNEXURE II CONTD.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO.20 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 25.7.2005 IN THE LOK SABHA

QUANTITY IN METRIC TONNES/ VALUE IN RUPEES LAKHS

RICE - NON BASMATI

Sl.No.	COUNTRY	2002-03		2003-04		2004-05	
		QTY	VALUE	QTY	VALUE	QTY	VALUE
1	BANGLADESH	791931	52178	1239260	89378	917540	83302
2	NIGERIA	156778	12414	168705	14761	537481	63980
3	S.AFRICA	527048	64889	273143	21114	496178	49792
4	COTE D' IVOIRE	59686	2970	28154	2191	299567	29364
5	SAUDI ARABIA	29892	3761	142064	16802	222370	30193
6	SRI LANKA	40991	3728	2694	273	221493	25347
7	UAE	48763	5243	110174	13162	149052	21271
8	SENEGAL	77226	11328	-	-	148635	13169
9	SOMALIA	21083	1560	54539	4337	131045	13896
10	GUINEA	9100	582	11500	980	56345	6087